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April 2021 Messenger

"Think Easter!" That has been a phrase that has offered some hope over the past few weeks and months as we have continued to see the Covid-19 virus slow and our ability to share some in-person gatherings grow. "Perhaps by Easter things will be a bit better." As of now it appears they may. This is not to suggest that we are by any means over the pandemic or about to throw out the cautionary measures we continue to prescribe to. But, as more people are vaccinated, as the spread of the virus has slowed, as hospitalizations and death rates have dropped, there is some new hope in conversations and hearts and minds. It just happens to coincide with the arrival of Easter.

Of course, in our faith tradition to "think Easter" has long carried a deeper meaning. Easter, Resurrection Sunday, has been that day of victory we've celebrated ever since Jesus emerged from that garden tomb. Easter is the epicenter of our faith. After last year's virtual celebration, it will be good to at least share a hybrid model of worship this year as persons join online and in-person for Easter Sunday and other services. As we continue to observe social distanced seating, Sanctuary capacity is limited to about 90 people; however we have additional seating in the Fellowship Hall and Chapel, and a commitment from some of our regular attendees to take seats in those locations, making space for an expected higher Easter Sunday attendance. So, join us!

We will be finishing up our focus in Luke's Gospel as we come to Holy Week and Easter. Below you will find the plans we've made for these worship gatherings. I hope you will join us in the manner you feel led. I look forward to sharing this season with you.

Pastor Dan

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday – March 28
Luke 19:29-44
"A Pilgrim King"
Pastor Daniel Preaching

Maundy Thursday – April 1
Luke 22:1-27
"The Pilgrim's Feast"
Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 2
Community Service
Online

Children's Egg Hunt – April 3
10 a.m. – Outdoors
Sponsored by Family Life
& Children's Teams

Easter Sunday – April 4
Luke 24:1-12
Celebration Service
"The End is Really the Beginning"

Eastertide – April 11
Luke 24:13-35
Easter's Pilgrims

EASTER 2021: THE HALLEL PSALMS

TELL ME THE STORY

APRIL 4 - MAY 23RD



"And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'"

- Exodus 12:26-27 -

"Christ is Risen!" "He is Risen, Indeed!" - By the time this article is published, we will finally be shouting this celebratory declaration after our long trek through the wilderness of Lent! Despite the deadness of it all, it's truly been a beautiful journey with you into our homeland of Christ's resurrection. However, this by no means ends our journey. Rather, it opens open entirely new crossroads!

See, Easter is not just an end ("It is finished."), it is also a beginning, for every Sunday that we gather is in fact an act of remembering the everlasting resurrection of Jesus Christ. And as those who find our home in Him, even while apart from his eternal re-created Kingdom, we are now free to joyfully participate in His Kingdom-making by His Spirit who empowers us to love all people for the sake and glory of God. But how will we do this? Keep reading below to find out.

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Ever since God made His covenant with his chosen people, we have testified to His acts of deliverance, and by pointing back to the lifted gates of heaven when the rock was rolled away, we too testify that Christ is risen, indeed. Therefore, for this 50-day season, we will share our testimonies and look to God's future redemption by praying the Hallel Psalms (Psalms 113-118). These Psalms are framed around Psalm 119 with the Psalms of Ascent to help us embody the Gospel by shaping our lives around the focal point of the Word. We'll explain this in more detail over the coming weeks, but as an introduction, know that this is a season of Kingdom celebration, wherein we express gratitude for God's past acts of salvation and share confidence in God's future redemption. If you'd like to lead us by sharing your testimony, now is the time. So please, send me an email, and we can celebrate God's grace and mercy together. Peace.

-Pastor Daniel

SYMBOLS

- Empty Tomb
- Fish
- Butterflies
- Flowers

THEMES

- Resurrection
- Salvation
- Atonement
- Victory
- Life
- New Creation

COLORS

- White (Life/Joy)
- Gold (Celebration)

SONGS

- *King of Kings*
- *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*
- *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
- *Glorious Day*

CHARACTERS

- Tomb Women
- Jesus
- Thomas
- Emmaus Disciples
- Peter
- Angels

Around The Church

Men of Faith Resumes

Men of Faith, our Friday morning Men's Bible study will resume Friday, April 9 at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a six-session study of Jonah. All men of the church are invited to join us for this study over coffee and donuts (following Covid-19 precautions – facemasks and social distancing) as we explore this fascinating Old Testament book.

Be sure to pick up your study guide beforehand (available at the church office, back ledge of sanctuary, or electronically by request).

Scholarship Deadline

The E. Don Tull Scholarship & the Foundation Scholarship applications are due back to the church office or a Foundation board member by Thursday, April 1.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 3
10:00 a.m.
Here at the Church



Volunteers needed – Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex – or see Teresa or Keith Arbuckle

This will be an outdoor event, with facemasks and social distancing. Pray for a good weather day and invite the children and young families in your lives to join us!

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our second quarter congregational meeting will be held on Wed., April 21 in-person at FBC at 6:30 p.m.
We will meet in the Sanctuary.



Around The Church

Adult Education 2nd Hour Classes Beginning April 11

We are pleased to announce that our Adult Education ministry will be resuming with two 2nd Hour Class choices after Easter:

Worship Like Jesus

Have you ever wondered how Jesus worshiped? Pastor Daniel will be offering a class after Easter to help you uncover what is really happening during a worship service. This will be a time of music, prayer, Scripture reading, and finally – a time for you to create a Sunday service of your own which we will use this summer! Go to the following link to sign-up now! – [Worship Like Jesus – A Class on Worship Design](#)

Adult Study Fellowship Returns

Pastor Jon Carlstrom will lead an 8 week study beginning Sunday, April 11. This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Here's more information:

"MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD!" WHO ME?

A Discussion about Transformation and Spiritual Growth

IMAGO DEI, the image of God, is a biblical concept found in Genesis 1:26-27 and declares that human beings are made in the image of God. What does that mean to you?

- What does the image of God look like?
- What does the Bible say about the image of God?
- What's next after accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior and joining a church?
- What is the process for spiritual growth and transformation?
- Are you an image bearer? What are the tools to help you?

Paul Harvey, a well known radio newscaster, used to say at the conclusion of his broadcast, "Now, the rest of the story." What is the rest of the story as you continue your spiritual journey or pilgrimage in the Christian faith after accepting Jesus?

How do we spiritually grow; how are we transformed; how do we become image bearers?

This is the subject of an 8 week study beginning April 11. Join us!

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

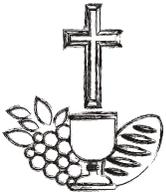
April 4 - Bob & Jean Langdon

April 11 - Kerry & Alice Richmond

April 18 - Daryl & Dot McMath

April 25 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher

Communion



We will celebrate communion on Easter Sunday, April 4.

For those of you who join us for worship via live stream, we invite you to have something available to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.



Thank You!

Rick and I would like to thank our church family for cards and prayers and phone calls during our surgeries the last few months. They are much appreciated!

Paulette & Rick McClintock

Dear FBC Friends:

I want to express my appreciation for all the cards, calls, and prayers for me and my family at the unexpected passing of my dear sister in Chandler, Arizona. Even though we haven't seen most of you personally in a year, we know the Christian connection is still there.

With our love for all of you,
Peggy & Ron
See you soon!



MISSION

America for Christ Offering

Thanks for your gifts to the America For Christ Offering. Did you know that FBC was among the 25 top giving churches to this offering in 2020? This is according to Dr. Jeff Johnson, Director of Faith Initiation & Discipleship with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, who writes:

I am writing to you personally and by extension, to your congregation, on behalf of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies to THANK YOU for your generous giving to the America For Christ offering in 2020. Your church is one of the top twenty-five churches that gave to the AFC Offering in 2020, of more than five thousand congregations in our denomination.

Our 2021 giving to America For Christ is \$1500 as of March 21.

SEEDS of Love 5K Call Out Team Meeting

The 2021 SEEDS of Love 5K team call out meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 11 following morning services. We will meet in the Sanctuary following worship. Are you interested, willing to serve on this team? Rob and Debbie Lily have agreed to lead the team again this year, but they need the support and work of an active team of co-workers. Those who have helped in the past are encouraged to join again, as well as those who may be new to the experience. For more information contact Pastor Dan or the Lily's.

Kwai River Hostel Project

The Kwai River Hostel Mission Project started in 2000 after the Daughertys visited Thailand. An unused hostel dormitory in a small Baptist Mission Station began housing children from the outlying countryside so they could attend a good high school. Approximately \$200 of additional funds allow a year of school in a Christian environment and has been very successful. If you would like to contribute to this project, please make your checks out to First Baptist Church and indicate Kwai River on the memo line. You may also contribute online through the website with Kwai River listed in the memo area. Thank you. (Forest Daugherty)

Edna Martin Food Pantry Collection

April is the month for the Flat Rock Association to support the food pantry at Edna Martin Christian Center. In the past this has included donations of items, or of money. This year we are requesting all donations be monetary in order to be safe for everyone. Please donate through the church, designating your gift for "EMCC food pantry." Thank you!



Healthy Living Tips

Foods That Can Cause Food Poisoning

Some foods are more associated with foodborne illnesses and food poisoning than others. They can carry harmful germs that can make you extremely sick if the food is contaminated.

- Raw foods of animal origin are the most likely to be contaminated, specifically raw or undercooked meat and poultry, raw or lightly cooked eggs, unpasteurized (raw) milk, and raw shellfish.
- Fruits and vegetables also may get contaminated.
- While certain foods are more likely to make you sick, any food can get contaminated in the field, during processing, or during other stages in the food production chain, including through cross-contamination with raw meat in kitchens.

Chicken & Meat

Thoroughly cooking chicken, poultry products, and meat destroys germs. Raw and undercooked meat and poultry can make you sick. Most raw poultry contain *Campylobacter*. It also may contain *Salmonella*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and other bacteria. Raw meat may contain *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, *Yersinia*, and other bacteria.

- You should not wash raw poultry or meat before cooking it, even though some older recipes may call for this step. Washing raw poultry or meat can spread bacteria to other foods, utensils, and surfaces, and does not prevent illness.
- Thoroughly cook poultry and meat. You can kill bacteria by cooking poultry and meat to a safe internal temperature.
- Use a cooking thermometer to check the temperature. You cannot tell if meat is properly cooked by looking at its color or juices.
- Leftovers should be refrigerated at 40°F or colder within 2 hours after preparation. Large cuts of meat, such as roasts or a whole turkey, should be divided into small quantities for refrigeration so they will cool quickly enough to prevent bacteria from growing.

Fruits and Vegetables

The safest fruits and vegetables are cooked; the next safest are washed. Avoid unwashed fresh produce. Eating fresh produce provides important health benefits, but sometimes raw fruits and vegetables may cause food poisoning from harmful germs such as *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, and *Listeria*. Fresh fruits and vegetables can be contaminated anywhere along the journey from farm to table, including by cross-contamination in the kitchen.

Milk & Cheese

To prevent infection with *Listeria* and other harmful germs, do not consume raw milk or soft cheeses and other products made from raw milk. You can get extremely sick from raw (unpasteurized) milk and products made with it, including soft cheeses (such as queso fresco, blue-veined, feta, brie and camembert), ice cream, and yogurt. That is because raw milk can carry harmful germs, including *Campylobacter*, *Cryptosporidium*, *E. coli*, *Listeria*, and *Salmonella*.

- Raw milk is made safe through pasteurization, which requires just enough heat for just long enough to kill disease-causing germs.
- Most of the nutritional benefits of drinking raw milk are also available from pasteurized milk, without the risk.
- Although *Listeria* infection is very uncommon, it can sicken pregnant women, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems.
- *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, preterm labor, and serious illness and even death in newborns.

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Healthy Living Tips

Foods That Can Cause Food Poisoning - continued

Eggs and Salmonella

Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm. Eggs can contain a germ called Salmonella that can make you sick, even if the egg looks clean and uncracked. Use pasteurized eggs and egg products when preparing recipes that call for raw or undercooked eggs. In addition:

- Avoid foods that contain raw or undercooked eggs, such as homemade Caesar salad dressing and eggnog.
- Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm.
- Cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.
- Keep eggs refrigerated at 40°F or colder.
- Do not taste or eat raw batter or dough.

Seafood and Raw Shellfish

Raw or undercooked oysters can contain Vibrio bacteria, which can lead to an infection called vibriosis. Cook seafood to 145°F, and heat leftover seafood to 165°F. To avoid foodborne infection, do not eat raw or undercooked fish, shellfish, or food containing raw or undercooked seafood, such as sashimi, some sushi, and ceviche.

Oysters and Food Poisoning

- Oysters and other filter-feeding shellfish can contain viruses and bacteria that can cause illness or death.
- Oysters harvested from contaminated waters can contain norovirus.
- To avoid food poisoning, cook oysters well.

Sprouts

Cook sprouts thoroughly to reduce the chance of food poisoning. The warm, humid conditions needed to grow sprouts are also ideal for germs to grow. Eating raw or lightly cooked sprouts, such as alfalfa, bean, or any other sprout, may lead to food poisoning from Salmonella, E. coli, or Listeria. Thoroughly cooking sprouts kills the harmful germs and reduces the chance of food poisoning.

Raw Flour

You should never taste raw dough or batter. Flour is typically a raw agricultural product that has not been treated to kill germs. Harmful germs can contaminate grain while it's still in the field or at other steps as flour is produced. Bacteria are killed when food made with flour is cooked. That is why you should never taste raw dough or batter.

April Birthdays

4 ~ Beth Miller, Rick McClintock
7 ~ Marjorie Betz
8 ~ Tamara Brown
9 ~ Karston McIntosh
10 ~ Jeff Caldwell, Marilyn Estell
12 ~ Donna Browne, Corbie Snyder
13 ~ Donna Moore
15 ~ Alexander Kelley



16 ~ David Tobias, Jeanne Greenlee, Kayla Jones
19 ~ Kyle Olson, Krista Scgalski
22 ~ Vanessa Edwards
25 ~ Carol Poe, Anna Kelley
26 ~ Susan Hoffman
29 ~ Paul Poe
30 ~ Molly Nelson

The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Cecil Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Marilyn Estell, Heidi Putterill, Dick & Beth Miller, Jeannie Wheeler, Lois Griffith, Norm Curry, and Marj Betz.
- The family of Betty Euler. Betty passed away at the age of 98 on March 13th.

Looking Ahead

April 1 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m.
April 2 - Good Friday Community Service (online) - 12:00 p.m.
April 3 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 a.m.
April 4 - Easter Sunday
April 9 - Men of Faith Bible Study resumes - 7:00 a.m.
April 11 - 2nd Hour Learning resumes - 10:45 a.m.

Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am
(in-person worship & Live Stream)

2nd Hour Learning - resumes on April 11

Live streaming available for Sunday Services

In addition to watching our streaming service on our website, the service is also streamed to Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



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